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LB 478

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cornett. On with discussion of the Chambers amendment, FA280, to LB 478. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Cornett doesn't have to tell me anything about any security clearance because Senator Landis said that's never what this was about, that is was made clear. He said that you didn't have to have the security clearance, but that is the distinct impression that I got, and people who discussed it talked about these people with the security clearance were the ones being sought, and this bill is designed to help those people be recruited and retained by these companies. Now maybe I didn't hear something, but I can get a copy of the transcript, and I will see what actually was said. And if that was not said, then I'll acknowledge I should have listened more carefully. But that was the impression that I got. But since security clearance of the employee has nothing to do with anything, I don't need to see anything, Senator Cornett, because all I need to know is that the company is doing some kind of security, classified work. And you have it on hearsay, from what I can gather. Some contractor said, well, yeah, that's the way it ought to be, but you...we can't establish that for a fact because we can't talk about that. And the body is to accept that and create a bogus classification on something that cannot even be established. We are not dealing with classified information. We are not an agency of the federal government, maintaining military secrets. And all of this stuff that's being talked about, in fact, is the responsibility of the federal government, not the state. Everything in this bill, as it exists now with the amendment, is the responsibility of the federal government. The employer being discussed is hired by the federal government, meets qualifications set by the federal government. And if the contractor cannot provide enough workers to do the job, that contractor is not going to get the contract. So we are not even talking about an employer. You're talking about a potential employer that you're trying to help. But if you're talking about an employer, that person already has the employees working. And these employees I don't believe are going to say, well, I'm going to quit. You might have people who won't take the job in the first instance, but we're talking